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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 1998, please amend the application as follows.

REMARKS

The Office Action

Claims 1-13, 19, 20, 23-38 and 40-47 are under examination. Claims 1-12, 26-38 and 44-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claims 13, 25 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §12, second paragraph. Claims 1-13, 19, 20, 23-38 and 40-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 1-12, 19, 20, 26-38 and 40-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103.

35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1-12, 26-38 and 44-47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. \$112, first paragraph. The Examiner states that:

[T]he instant claims cover every conceivable means for achieving the stated purpose....

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.